

Political Campaign Work

Come on – Do a Little Grunt Work!

Political party affiliation is particularly important to legislators at two times: (1) when organizing the legislature, at which time the majority party takes control and members of the majority and minority have a voice in selecting their leaders and setting the direction and focus of their party; and (2) when running for election or reelection.

For the most part, the former is an internal process in which you will have little, if any, impact. The latter, however, presents an opportunity for you to become fully involved.

If you have a strong political point of view, plan to work on the campaign of a candidate who will support and articulate your point of view.

Surprisingly to some, campaign work (both for the candidate and for volunteers) involves a lot of grunt work. Stuffing envelopes, dropping literature, door knocking throughout the district, making telephone calls, and helping with fundraisers are just a few of the tasks. However, the anticipated victory and camaraderie usually make it all worthwhile. And do not forget to make a financial contribution if you can afford it. Even a modest contribution is always appreciated.

During the campaign, you will have established a positive relationship with the candidate, and when he/she takes office, this relationship will allow you greater access. Legislators remember their supporters and workers.